

Remarks

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Office Action mailed March 12, 2007. No fee is due for the addition of any new claims.

I. Summary of Examiner's Objections/Rejections

Claims 1-12 were pending in the Application prior to the outstanding Office Action. In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-12.

Claim 1 was provisionally rejected on the ground of non-statutory double patenting over claim 1 of co-pending Application No. 10/786,844.

Claims 10-12 were objected to due to various informalities.

Claims 1, 2, 4, and 9-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Chan (U.S. Publication No. 2003/0028364 A1).

Claims 5-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chan in further view of Cohen (U.S. Pat. No. 7,024,658 B1).

Claim 8 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chan.

II. Summary of Applicant's Response

The present Reply cancels claims 2, 6, and 8-9, amends claims 1, 3, 5, 7, and 10-12, and adds new claims 13-16 to better define embodiments of Applicant's invention, leaving for the Examiner's present consideration claims 1, 3-5, 7, and 10-16. A Terminal Disclaimer is attached to overcome the non-statutory double patenting rejection. Reconsideration of the rejections is requested.

III. Response to Rejections

Claim 1 (as amended) states:

A method for extending online help, comprising:
importing an integrated development environment extension;
processing documentation content upon import of the integrated development environment extension, wherein the documentation content includes context-sensitive help topics; and
displaying operations for a help system; wherein search capabilities and table of contents are automatically updated after the integrated development environment extension is imported.

Claim 1 defines a method for extending online help capabilities when an integrated development environment is extended. Existing search capabilities and the table of contents are updated to cover the new features in the new integrated development environment extension.

While Chan paragraph 5 mentions the general concept of context-sensitive help for an integrated development environment, Chan paragraph 5 does not disclose automatically extending the online help capabilities to cover new features when the integrated development environment is extended.

Applicant respectfully submits that the embodiment as defined in Independent Claim 1 is neither anticipated by nor obvious in view of Chan. Applicant respectfully requests that the 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) rejection to claim 1 be withdrawn. Dependent Claims 3-5, 7, and 10-16 depend from Claim 1. For at least the reasons discussed above with regards to Claim 1, dependent Claims 3-5, 7, and 10-16 are also patentable. Dependent claims 3-5, 7, and 10-16 add their own limitations which render them patentable in their own right.

IV. Conclusion

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now pending in the subject patent application should be allowable, and a Notice of Allowance is requested. The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned if he can assist in any way in expediting issuance of a patent.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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